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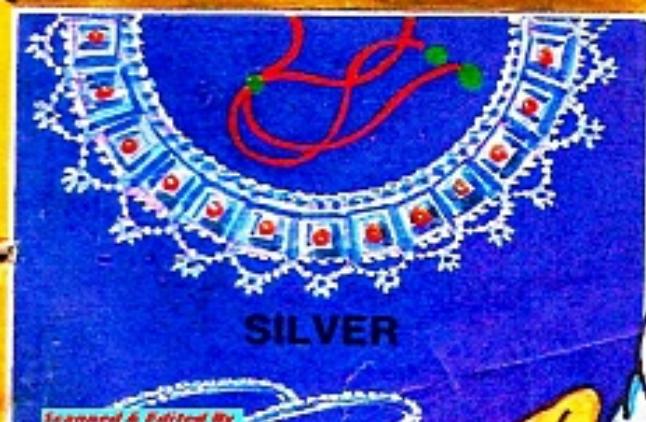


THE FORTNIGHTLY
FOR CHILDREN
FROM THE HOUSE OF
AMAR CHITRA KATHA

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THE HIDDEN
TREASURE



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USHA AND SAMEER WERE QUITE EXCITED WHEN THEY GOT UP.

HURRAH! IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF THE VACATION.

OH GOOD! WE HAVE SEVEN FULL WEEKS FOR OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES.

BUT JUST THEN THEY HEARD THEIR MOTHER'S VOICE RAISED IN ANGER—

THAT YASHODA! IF SHE DOES NOT COME TODAY, I'LL SACK HER!

SURELY THERE MUST BE A REASON. SHE HARDLY EVER MISSES A DAY.

YES, BUT SHE HASN'T COME FOR FIVE DAYS. HOW LONG CAN I CARRY ON?

USHA AND SAMEER WERE QUITE FOND OF YASHODA, THEIR DOMESTIC HELP.

I HOPE MUMMY DOES NOT ASK YASHODA TO LEAVE. SHE KEEPS OUR ROOM SO TIDY.

AND ALL THOSE STORIES SHE TELLS US ABOUT HER VILLAGE!

USHA AND SAMEER RUSHED IN.

OH MUMMY! DON'T SACK HER. I'M SURE SHE WILL TURN UP SOON.

BUT SHE COULD HAVE SENT WORD THROUGH HER HUSBAND. HE'S AT HOME WITHOUT A JOB.

AND IF YASHODA ALSO LOSES HER JOB!

WAIT, MUMMY! WE'LL GO AND FIND OUT WHAT IS WRONG.

SAMEER AND USHA DRESSED HURRIEDLY AND SET OUT.

HERE WE ARE! I KNOW SHE LIVES NEAR THIS HANUMAN TEMPLE.

LET US ASK THAT MAN.

LUCKILY, THEY SOON FOUND HER.

YASHODA! THERE YOU ARE.

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

MUMMY IS FRANTIC.
WHY DIDN'T YOU
COME TO WORK?

OH, MY SON
SHIRPYA IS
SO SICK. I
COULD NOT
LEAVE HIM
ALONE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT
YOUR HUSBAND?
WHY DIDN'T YOU
SEND A MESSAGE
WITH HIM?

HE HAD GONE TO CALL
THE DOCTOR THREE DAYS
AGO. I HEARD THERE WAS
SOME RIOTING NEAR THE
DOCTOR'S CLINIC AND
HE WAS ROUNDED UP
BY THE POLICE.



YOU MEAN
YOUR SON
HASN'T BEEN
TREATED
SO FAR?

NO, THE DOCTOR
REFUSED
BECAUSE WE
ALREADY OWE
HIM MONEY. BUT
I DON'T WANT TO
BURDEN YOU CHILDREN
WITH MY WORRIES. TELL
YOUR MOTHER I'LL
COME AS SOON AS
SHIRPYA IS
BETTER.

ON THEIR WAY
BACK HOME,
USHA HAD AN
IDEA.

LET'S CALL AN
EMERGENCY
MEETING OF
OUR AMAR
TINKLE CLUB!

YES, WE'LL PUT OUR
HEADS TOGETHER AND
THINK OF A SOLUTION.



MANY OF THEIR
CLUB MEMBERS
HAD GONE OUT
FOR HOLIDAYS.

NOT BAD! WE'VE
MANAGED TO
COLLECT FIVE
MEMBERS FOR
AN EMERGENCY
MEETING IN
JUST HALF AN
HOUR.



SAMEER AND USHA TOOK TURNS
TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

SO I FEEL, AS
MEMBERS OF
AMAR TINKLE
CLUB, WE SHOULD
TRY TO HELP
YASHODA WITH
HER PROBLEMS.

LET'S SEE! WE
MUST COLLECT
SOME MONEY
TO PAY FOR
THE DOCTOR
AND MEDICINES.

THEY POOLED THEIR IDEAS
AND RESOURCES.

WE COULD
COLLECT AND
SELL OLD
NEWSPAPERS.
KIRAN YOU
ARE GOOD
AT IRONING
CLOTHES.

TOGETHER,
WE'LL TAKE
TURNS TO
LOOK AFTER
SHIRPYA.

YES,
BRING ALL
YOUR CLOTHES
TO MY HOUSE.

REASSURED BY THE HELP
OF THEIR CLUB-MATES,
SAMEER AND USHA WENT
TO THE DOCTOR.

WHAT BRINGS
YOU TWO HERE?
TOO MANY
SWEETS AND
ICE-CREAM?

NO DOCTOR,
IT'S NOT
US. WE
WANT YOU
TO COME
WITH US.





HURRY UP AND GO TO OUR HOUSE. WE'LL LOOK AFTER SHIRPYA TILL YOU RETURN.

DON'T WORRY. JUST LEAVE HIS MEDICINE WITH US. WE'LL KEEP HIM ENTERTAINED.

RELUCTANTLY, YASHODA AGREED.

BUT DON'T TELL MUMMY WE ARE HERE!

OR THAT WE BROUGHT THE DOCTOR.

THAT EVENING—

MUMMY, GIVE THE IRONING CLOTHES. I'LL TAKE THEM TO THE LAUNDRY.

HOW NICE! HERE, TAKE THE MONEY ALSO.

ALL THE MEMBERS GATHERED AT KIRAN'S PLACE WITH THEIR BUNDLES OF CLOTHES.

WE CAN DO AT LEAST TEN RUPEES WORTH OF IRONING TODAY.

NOT BAD!

THE PARENTS WERE SURPRISED.

HOW REGULARLY THEY GO FOR WALKS.

AND SO WILLINGLY THEY DO THE ERRANDS! WHY, THEY HARDLY HAVE TIME TO QUARREL!

THE CHILDREN WERE REALLY BUSY. THE NEXT MEETING AT THE END OF THE WEEK—

GOOD! WE'VE COLLECTED A TIDY SUM.

WE CAN ADD THE MONEY DADDY GAVE US FOR THE TRIP!

AND HERE IS SOME OF MY POCKET MONEY.

HERE'S THE MONEY WE GOT FROM OLD NEWSPAPERS.

SAMEER AND USHA WENT TO THE CLINIC.

SO YOUR LITTLE FRIEND IS WELL NOW! HIS FATHER HAD COME TO THANK ME. HE HAS BEEN SET FREE.

THANK YOU, DOCTOR UNCLE, HERE'S THE MONEY FOR YOUR FEES.

BUT THAT IS TEN RUPEES LESS. COME! I'LL COLLECT IT FROM YOUR DADDY.

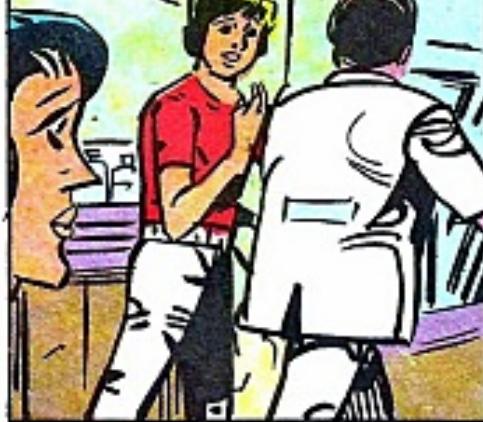
PLEASE DON'T DO THAT, UNCLE. HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS!

IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE TOLD HIM.

WILLY-NILLY, THEY FOLLOWED THE DOCTOR TO THEIR HOUSE.

WHAT'S UP, DOCTOR SHARMA?

YOU OWE ME TEN RUPEES. YOUR CHILDREN HAVEN'T PAID MY BILL.



BUT USHA AND SAMEER HAVE NOT BEEN SICK AT ALL!

NO, THAT'S THE STORY I'VE COME TO TELL YOU.

OVER A CUP OF COFFEE, THE DOCTOR NARRATED THE EVENTS OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK TO THE SURPRISED PARENTS.



NOW CHILDREN, GO AND BUY SOME TONIC WITH THIS MONEY FOR SHIRPYA.

OH UNCLE, THANK YOU! WE KNEW YOU WOULD NOT REALLY BE HARD AT HEART.

OH, WE GROWN UPS ARE NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK US TO BE!

AND SINCE YOU GAVE UP YOUR TRIP MONEY, I MUST GIVE IT TO YOU AGAIN. BUT NEXT TIME YOU THINK OF AN ADVENTURE, KEEP US INFORMED.

I'M MAKING SOME SPECIAL SWEETS TODAY. INVITE ALL YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS!

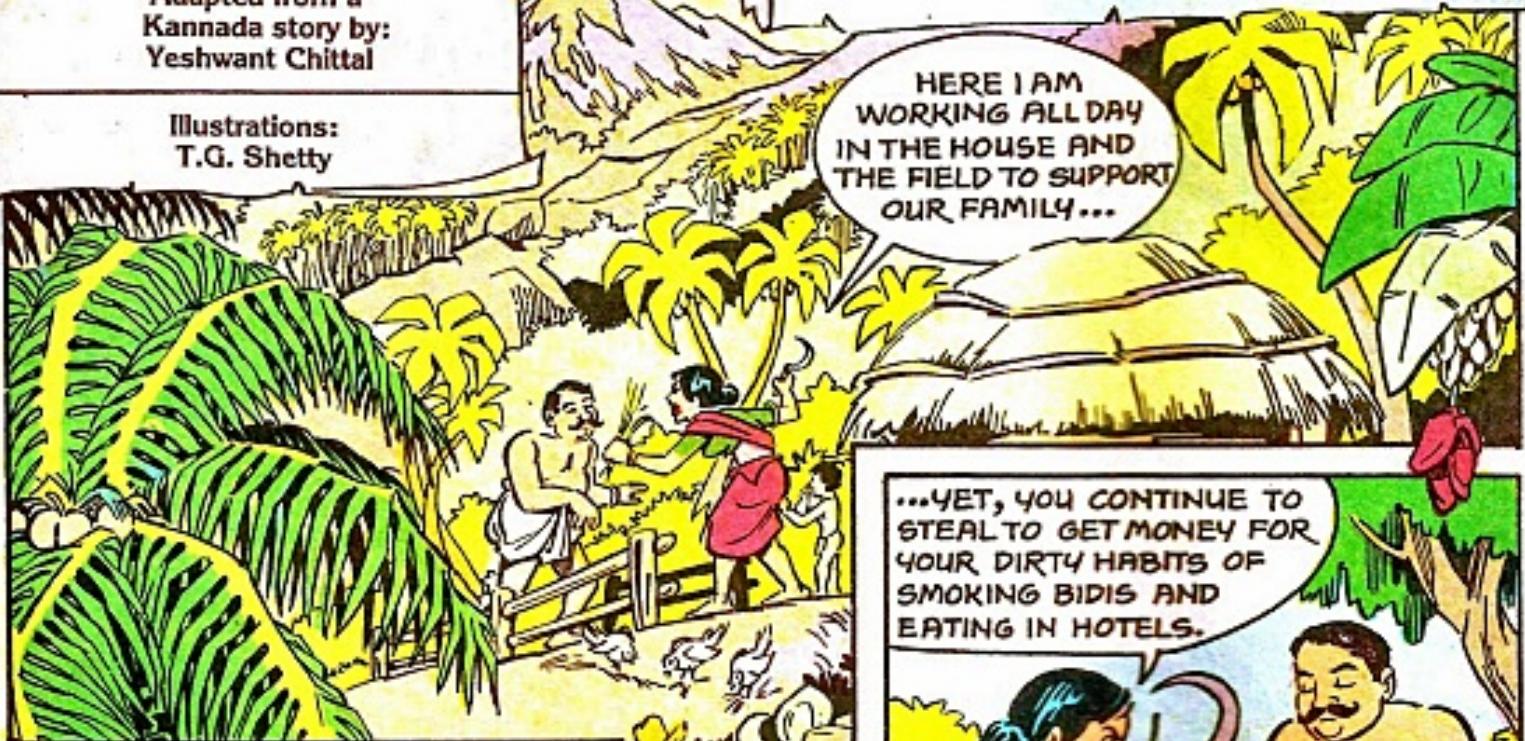


GIRIANNA THE THIEF

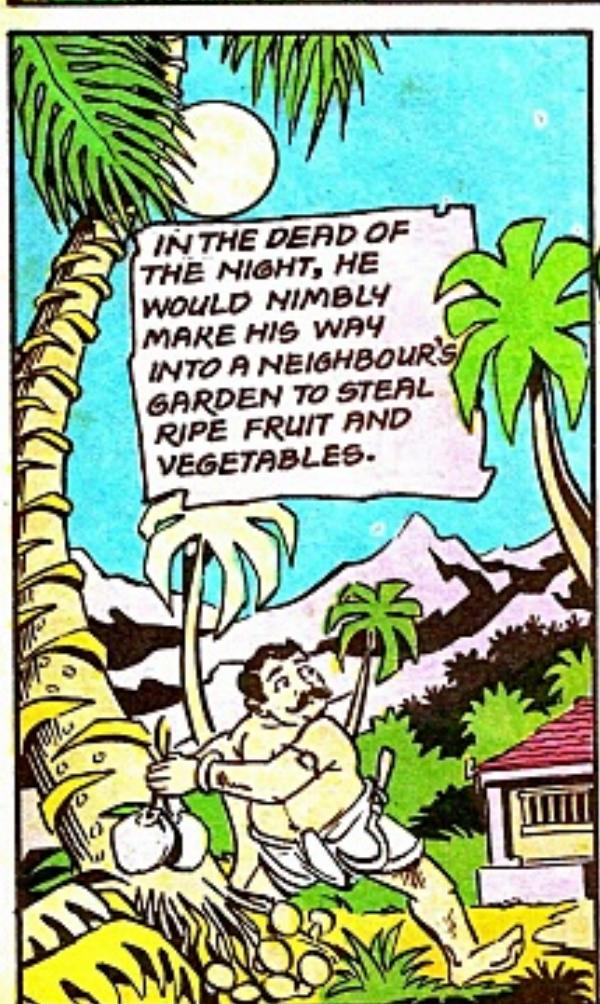
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GIRI WAS KNOWN TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN OUR VILLAGE AS A PETTY THIEF. HE WAS TALL AND HEFTY, BUT HE NEITHER BROKE INTO A HOUSE NOR HURT ANYONE. HIS WIFE WAS CONSTANTLY CHIDING HIM.

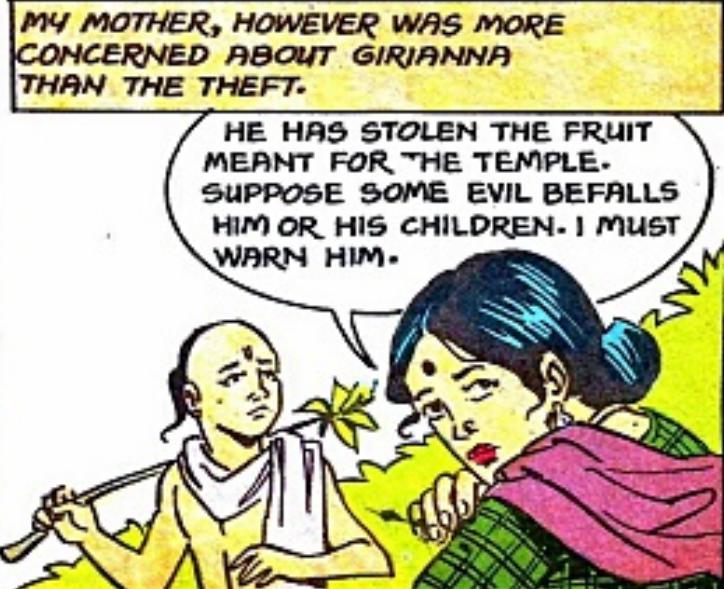
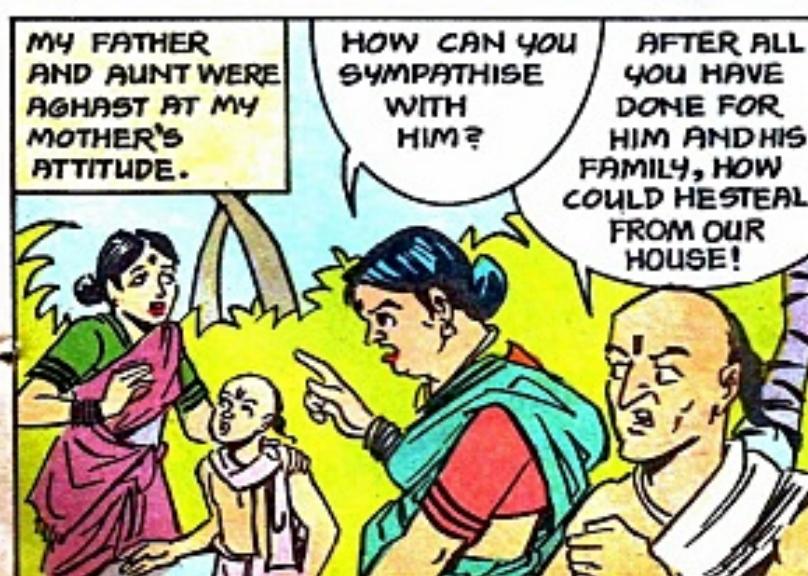
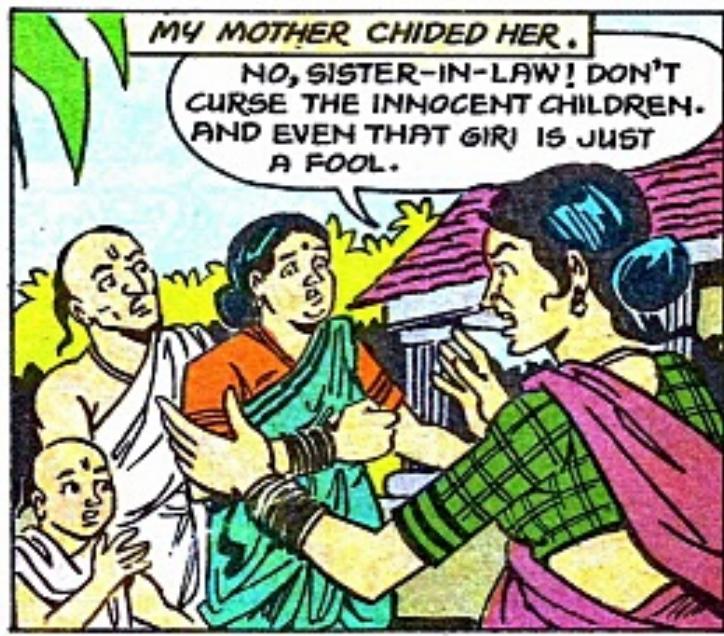
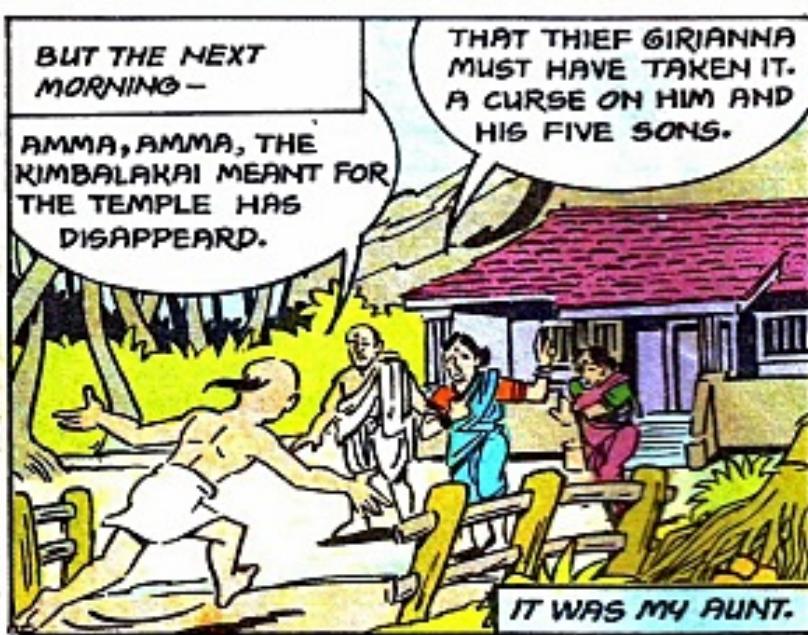
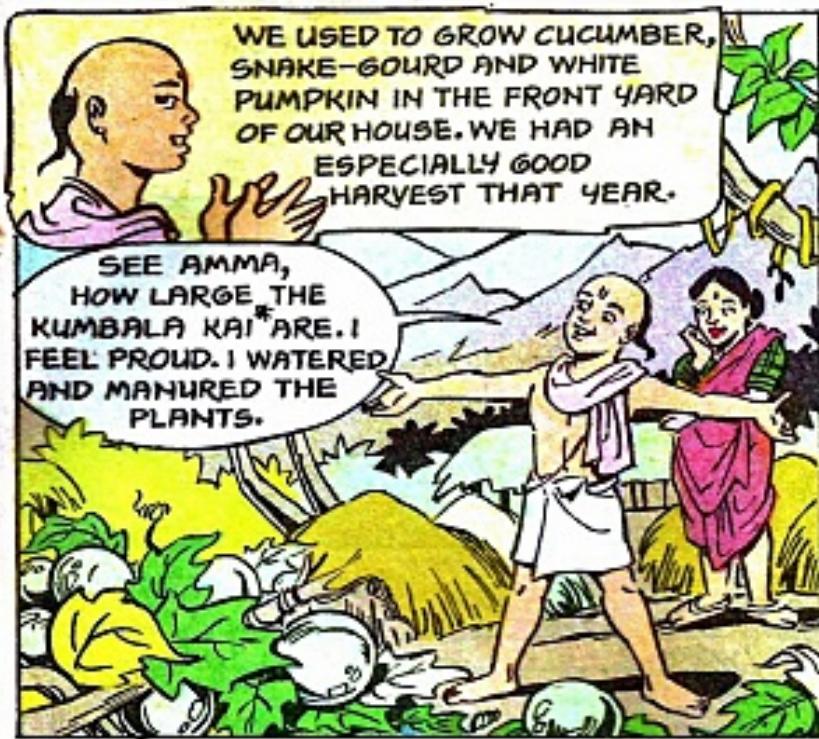


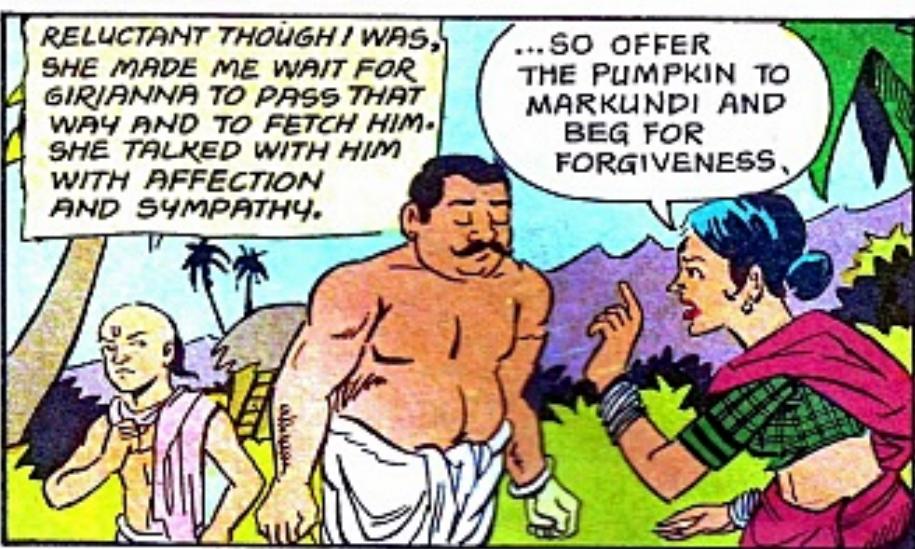
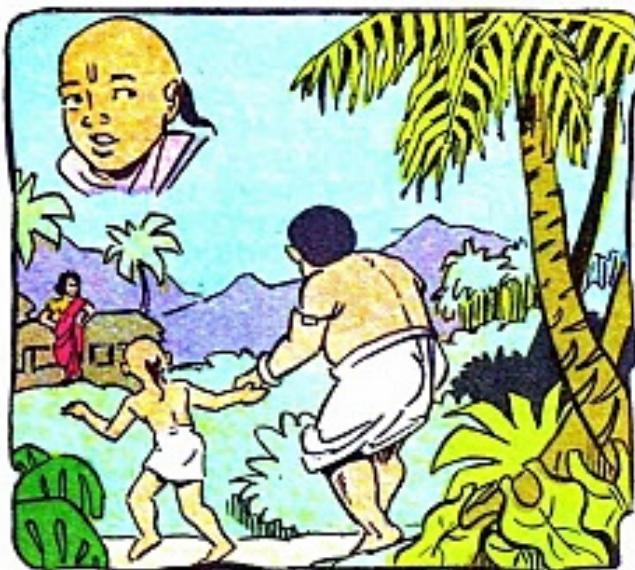
...YET, YOU CONTINUE TO STEAL TO GET MONEY FOR YOUR DIRTY HABITS OF SMOKING BIDIS AND EATING IN HOTELS.



HE MADE NO DISTINCTION OF CASTE OR CLASS AND VISITED ALL THE HOUSES OF THE VILLAGE EXCEPT OURS.







ONLY MY MOTHER AND I
KNEW OF THIS LITTLE TALK.
THE REST OF THE FAMILY
HAD OTHER IDEAS. WHEN
MY UNCLE CAME FROM
KUMTA THAT EVENING,
MY AUNT QUICKLY TOLD
HIM THIS NEWS.

YOU MUST CATCH THE
THIEF. AFTER ALL,
PEOPLE CALL YOU
SANDOW UNCLE.

LEAVE IT TO ME.
I'LL CATCH HIM
AND THRASH
HIM.

SEE THE OTHER PUMPKIN
ON THE VINE? I KNOW THE
PSYCHOLOGY OF THIEVES.
HE IS SURE TO COME BACK
FOR IT. I WILL SLEEP IN
THE YARD AND CATCH
HIM RED-HANDED.

HERE, KEEP THIS
STICK HANDY.

BUT AT DAWN -

UNCLE KEPT WATCH THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

A RUSTLING SOUND INTERRUPTED
HIS NAP.

HEY, YOU
THERE! STOP!
STOP!



HIS LUSTY CRY WOKE
EVERYONE UP.

WHAT HAPPENED?

I TOLD YOU - THE RASCAL
WOULD COME BACK. I SAW
HIM AS HE WAS GETTING
AWAY. I THREW MY LATHI
AT HIM SO HARD HIS SPINE
MUST HAVE CRACKED.



I QUIETLY WENT OUT TO THE SCENE OF THE THEFT. IT WAS STILL DARK.

AMMA! UNCLE! THE PUMPKIN IS STILL HERE.

THEY ALL RUSHED TO THE SPOT.

OH! SO THE THIEF DIDN'T COME AFTER ALL. YOU MUST HAVE DREAMT IT ALL.

OF COURSE NOT! I WAS WIDE AWAKE. THE STICK DID HIT HIM.

GLISTENING IN THE MORNING SUN'S RAYS WAS THE PUMPKIN THAT HAD BEEN STOLEN EARLIER.

HOW ON EARTH?

HOW DID THE STOLEN PUMPKIN COME BACK?

GIRIANKA MUST HAVE COME BACK ONLY TO RETURN THE PUMPKIN.

KALLA GIRIANKA RETURNING A STOLEN THING? NEVER HEARD OF IT.

ONLY MY MOTHER AND I KNEW THE SECRET.

THE HIDDEN TREASURE

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JAGAI WAS BECOMING FED UP WITH THE LONG CLASSES AT SCHOOL.

JAGAI, WHO WAS SHAH JAHAN'S FATHER?

SHAH ALAM, SIR!

WAS THAT SO?
WHAT WAS THE NAME
OF SHAH JAHAN'S
SON?

NOORJAHAN
SIR!

HA HA!

WHILE JAGAI WAS WALKING BACK HOME WITH HIS FRIEND DEBU —

JAGAI, WHY DON'T YOU PAY A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR STUDIES?

I CAN'T.
ANYWAY I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE UP STUDIES.

WHAT?
YES! I DIDN'T EVEN COPY THE HOMEWORK TODAY...

I DON'T HAVE TO BOTHER MY HEAD ABOUT KINGS AND PRINCES OF THE PAST. I WILL SOON BE ABLE TO LIVE LIKE A KING.

JAGAI,
HAVE YOU
GONE MAD?

NO, I HAVE FOUND A CLUE TO A HIDDEN TREASURE!

BAH! ALL TREASURES OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NOW.

COME TO MY HOUSE THIS EVENING. I'VE FOUND THE SECRET OF A TREASURE IN A DIARY OF MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER.

OKAY. I'LL BE THERE.



LATER IN THE ATTIC OF JAGAI'S HOUSE—

SEE ! I FOUND THIS DIARY IN THIS OLD TRUNK. IT SEEMS MY GREAT GREAT GRANDPA HAD AMASSED A FORTUNE FROM EAST INDIA COMPANY.

LET ME SEE.

THE TWO BOYS READ THE FADING DIARY IN GREAT EXCITEMENT.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT MY TWO SONS IN LAW. THEIR GREEDY EYES HAVE NOW FALLEN ON THE GREAT JEWEL. BUT IF THEIR GREEDY HANDS FALL ON MY PRECIOUS POSSESSION, THEY WILL USE IT FOR GAMBLING.



I CAN'T READ A FEW SENTENCES HERE.

READ ON ! AND YOU WILL SEE THE REAL EXCITEMENT !



I HAVE DECIDED TO CONCEAL THE GREAT JEWEL. IN VIEW OF MY FORGETFULNESS I'M DRAWING A PLAN OF THE LOCATION OF THE HIDING PLACE.



SEE ! THAT'S THE POND AND THERE'S THE OLD BANYAN TREE.



LATER—

HOWL

OH ! IT'S SO SCARY !



SLOWLY AND STEALTHILY, THE TWO BOYS CREST OUT IN THE NIGHT.

SEE ! WE HAVE TO GO TWELVE CUBITS NORTH OF THE TREE, HMM !

NOW WE HAVE TO MOVE 12 CUBITS. TO THE EAST. HERE ! CATCH THE TAPE.



COME ON, IT'S YOUR TREASURE.

HERE IT IS! SEE!
THE BRICKS ARE
BURIED IN A CROSS
PATTERN.

HERE IT IS!
THE CROSS IN
THE PLAN!

START DIGGING.
I'LL HOLD THE
TORCH.

AH! I CAN FEEL
SOMETHING HARD.
IT'S A METAL
BOX!

LIFT IT!
IT'S THE
TREASURE.

WAIT! BUT
WHAT IF A
GHOST COMES
OUT.

GO ASIDE!
ANYWAY THE
SPARKLE OF THE
JEWEL MAY
DAZZLE YOUR
EYES!

WHAT! IT'S
ONLY A DECK OF
PLAYING
CARDS.

DEBU READ THE WORDS ON THE PACK OF CARDS.

THE GREAT JEWEL
PLAYING CARDS!

BUT WHY DID
GREAT GREAT GRAND-
FATHER HIDE
THEM AS IF
IT WERE A
TREASURE?

AT THAT TIME,
PLAYING CARDS
MUST HAVE BEEN
A NOVELTY AND
WORTH A
FORTUNE. LOOK!
THEY ARE
REALLY UNIQUE.

THEY HAVE TO BE HELD IN THE
HANDS ONLY IN ONE WAY—
UNLIKE MODERN CARDS. HOW
LOVELY IS THIS KING!

BUT NOW
THEY ARE
NO TRE-
ASURE FOR
ME. JUST
MY LUCK.



JAGAI KEPT THE TORCH DOWN—

SO, I HAVE TO GO BACK TO
SCHOOL AGAIN AND READ
ABOUT KINGS AND PRINCES
AND ALL THEIR
JEWELS!

WHAT'S
THE HOME
WORK FOR
TOMORROW?

THERE WAS DISAPPOINT-
MENT IN HIS VOICE.

JUST ONE LAMP

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KING RATAN OF RAIGARH HAD ONLY ONE WORRY—HE HAD NO HEIR TO HIS THRONE.

WHO WILL LOOK AFTER MY KINGDOM AFTER I AM GONE?



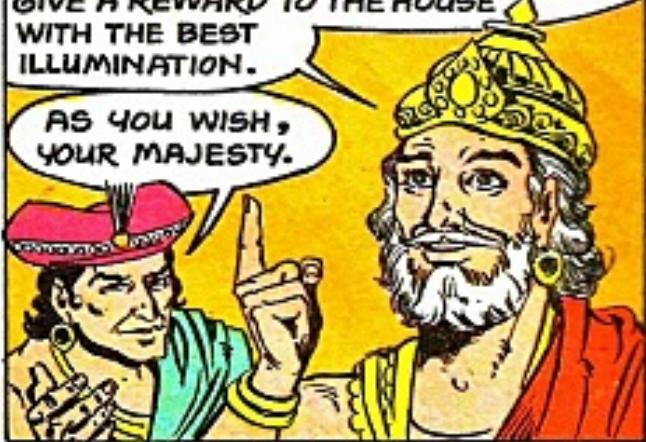
THE BIRTH OF A SON FILLED HIM WITH GREAT JOY.

LET THE WHOLE KINGDOM CELEBRATE THE EVENT.



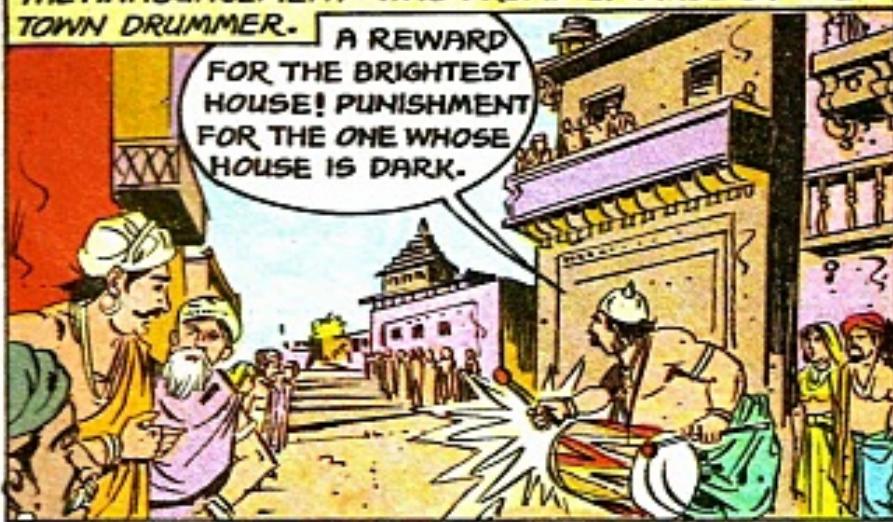
LET ALL THE HOUSES IN THE TOWN BE DECORATED AND LIT WITH LAMPS. I MYSELF WILL INSPECT THE TOWN AND GIVE A REWARD TO THE HOUSE WITH THE BEST ILLUMINATION.

AS YOU WISH, YOUR MAJESTY.



THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PROMPTLY MADE BY THE TOWN DRUMMER.

A REWARD FOR THE BRIGHTEST HOUSE! PUNISHMENT FOR THE ONE WHOSE HOUSE IS DARK.

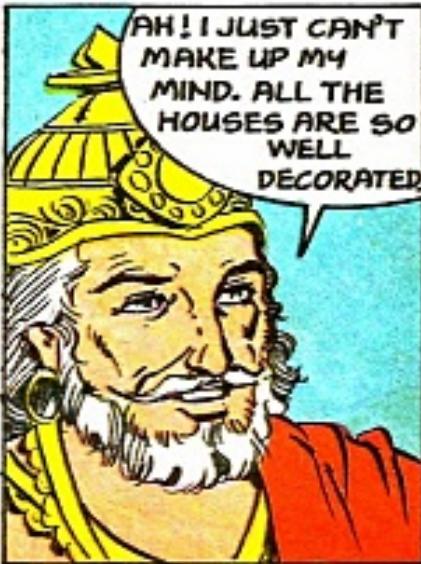


AT NIGHT THE KING SET FORTH TO INSPECT THE HOUSES.

AH! WHAT A SIGHT! SEE THAT HOUSE HAS A BEAUTIFUL ARRANGEMENT OF LAMPS!

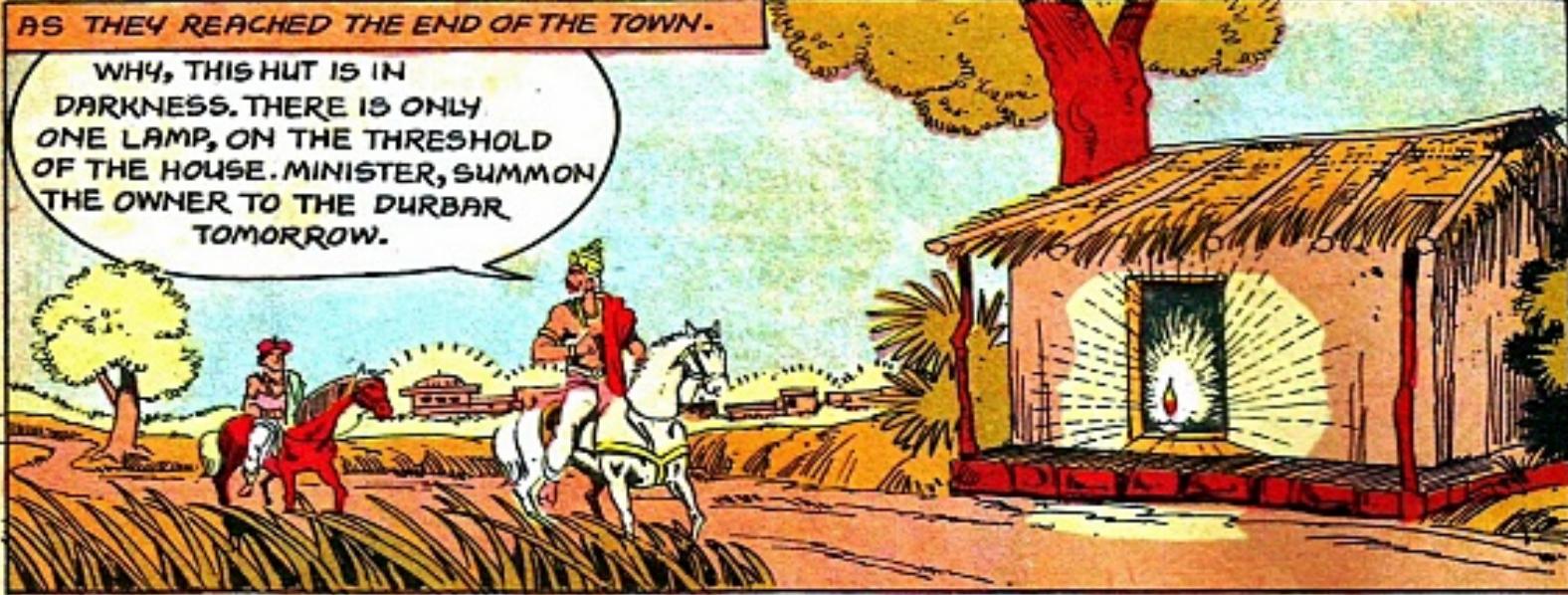


AH! I JUST CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND. ALL THE HOUSES ARE SO WELL DECORATED.



AS THEY REACHED THE END OF THE TOWN.

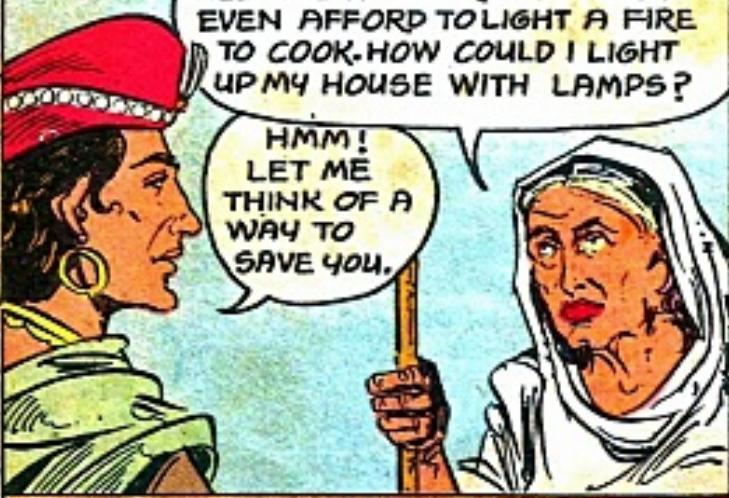
WHY, THIS HUT IS IN DARKNESS. THERE IS ONLY ONE LAMP, ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE HOUSE. MINISTER, SUMMON THE OWNER TO THE DURBAR TOMORROW.



THE CHIEF MINISTER FOUND AN OLD LADY WHO LIVED IN THE HUT.

HELP ME HUZOOR. I CANNOT EVEN AFFORD TO LIGHT A FIRE TO COOK. HOW COULD I LIGHT UP MY HOUSE WITH LAMPS?

HMM! LET ME THINK OF A WAY TO SAVE YOU.



THE CHIEF MINISTER ADVISED THE OLD LADY WHAT TO SAY TO THE KING.

O KING! IT WAS AFTER MUCH THOUGHT THAT I LIT JUST ONE LAMP, ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE HOUSE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



IT WAS SYMBOLIC, YOUR MAJESTY! THE LAMP ON THE THRESHOLD ILLUMINATES NOT ONLY THE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE BUT ALSO THE OUTSIDE.



THE NEXT DAY-

HOW DARE YOU LIGHT JUST ONE LAMP TO CELEBRATE MY SON'S BIRTH.



SO ALSO, THE GLORY OF YOUR ONLY SON WILL SPREAD BOTH INSIDE THE KINGDOM AS WELL AS FAR AND WIDE OUTSIDE THE KINGDOM.

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ONCE HODJA TOOK UP EMPLOYMENT WITH A MISERLY LANDLORD.



AT THE END OF THE MONTH—

"YOU COMMITTED FIFTEEN MISTAKES. YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE ME FIVE GOLD COINS."

"GRR! THE CHEAT."

I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM!

A FEW DAYS LATER—

THERE ARE SIXTEEN GOLD COINS IN THIS BAG. DELIVER THEM TO MY MOTHER IN THE NEXT VILLAGE

RETURN QUICKLY,
I HAVE ANOTHER
JOB FOR YOU.

BUT—

IT'S BEEN THREE
DAYS SINCE HE'S
GONE. WHAT
COULD BE KEEP-
ING HIM...AH,
HERE HE COMES...

WHAT TOOK
YOU SO
LONG?

MY MOTHER'S
VILLAGE IS
VERY FAR,
SIR.

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN YOUR
MOTHER'S VILLAGE
IS FAR? THOSE
GOLD COINS
WERE TO BE
DELIVERED TO
MY MOTHER, NOT
YOURS!

I AM SORRY, I HAVE MADE A MISTAKE.
I DELIVERED THE COINS TO MY
MOTHER. HERE ARE SIX GOLD COINS
ONE FOR TODAY'S AND THE
OTHERS FOR THE PREVIOUS
FIVE MISTAKES.

AND WITH THE TEN GOLD
COINS IN HIS POCKET
HODJA WALKED AWAY.

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4FOR BHARAT

GETTING READY FOR THE TREK TO THE PASS...

OH NO! WHY DID I PACK MY BINOCULARS! NOW I MUST OPEN THIS BAG AGAIN.

HEY! THIS IS GREAT. DID YOU KNOW THAT THE HIMALAYAS ARE STILL GROWING? ROUGHLY ONE METRE EVERY TEN YEARS...

YUSUF BURSTS IN

PROBLEM FOLKS, THERE'S A FOREST-FIRE NEAR THE PASS AND THE LOCALS WON'T LET ANYONE CROSS IT.

THE HILL-PEOPLE ARE NOW VERY PROTECTIVE ABOUT FORESTS. THANKS TO THE "CHIPKO" MOVEMENT.

WE CAN'T GIVE UP AFTER COMING ALL THIS WAY. AT LEAST WE CAN GO AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.

ALL THIS WAS ONCE AN OCEAN. MAYBE A HUNDRED THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

BUT LOOK AT THE FILTH AND GARBAGE PEOPLE LEAVE AROUND.

AS THEY SIGHT THE PASS, THE '4' MEET A PARTY OF RETURNING TREKKERS

DON'T GO UP. THE NASTY VILLAGERS MIGHT ROUGH YOU UP.

WHY?

A SMALL FIRE ABOUT WHICH EVERYONE'S GETTING WORKED UP.

WHY SHOULDN'T THEY? AND THEY'RE NOT NASTY. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE MORE FRIENDLY.



AT THE PASS

THEY LEFT BEHIND SO MUCH GARBAGE AND A CAMPFIRE WHICH HADN'T BEEN FULLY EXTINGUISHED.

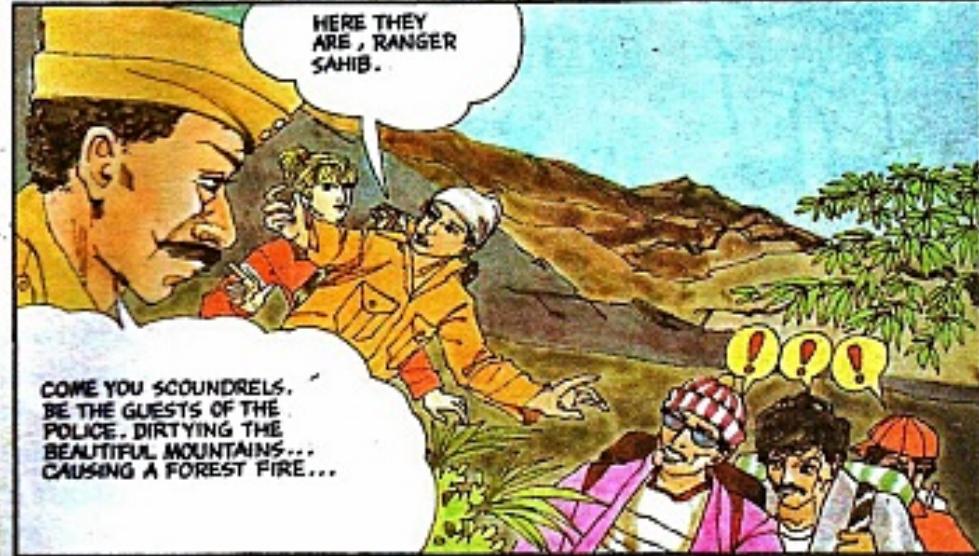
THE WIND BLEW SPARKS ON TO THE EMPTY PAPER AND PLASTIC PACKETS AND THEY CAUGHT FIRE. SOON THE WHOLE PLACE WAS ABLAZE.

LUCKILY WE SAW THE SMOKE AND EVERYONE RUSHED OVER. BUT THE CULPRITS HAD GOT

YES, WE SAW THEM NEAR THE STREAM. IF WE HURRY, WE CAN CATCH THEM.

LET'S GO BY THE SHORT CUT. WE CAN REACH THE FOREST RANGER'S POST BEFORE THEM, AND CATCH THEM THERE.

THEY MOVE FAST...



THANK YOU KIDS, YOU'VE DONE A GREAT SERVICE.

COME, I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE PASS AND HELP YOU TO CROSS IT.

We can & We will
Keep India Beautiful

YOU TOO SHOULD PREVENT THOUGHTLESS PEOPLE FROM DEGRADING OUR ENVIRONMENT. IF WE ACT TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP PRESERVE INDIA'S BEAUTY FOR EVER.

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with a free sticker!



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MR. POPS

By Golly! It's a long-licking lolly!



EDITOR'S PAGE



My young friends:

While reading the accounts of the First World-War, I had been fascinated by a small incident that took place on December 25, 1914. A 24-hour truce had been signed between the forces of France and Germany fighting a pitched battle. The soldiers came out of the trenches and jumped for sheer joy. There is no record of exactly what happened then. The record only says that there was 'fraternisation' between the soldiers of the French and German armies. Perhaps a German soldier took out a picture of his son and showed it to the French soldiers across the trench. He might have said, "Isn't he cute?" Perhaps the French might have offered a bottle of wine to their enemies. When the 24-hour truce came to an end, and the orders came to resume the fighting, the soldiers were aghast. They found it difficult to shoot persons, about whom they knew so

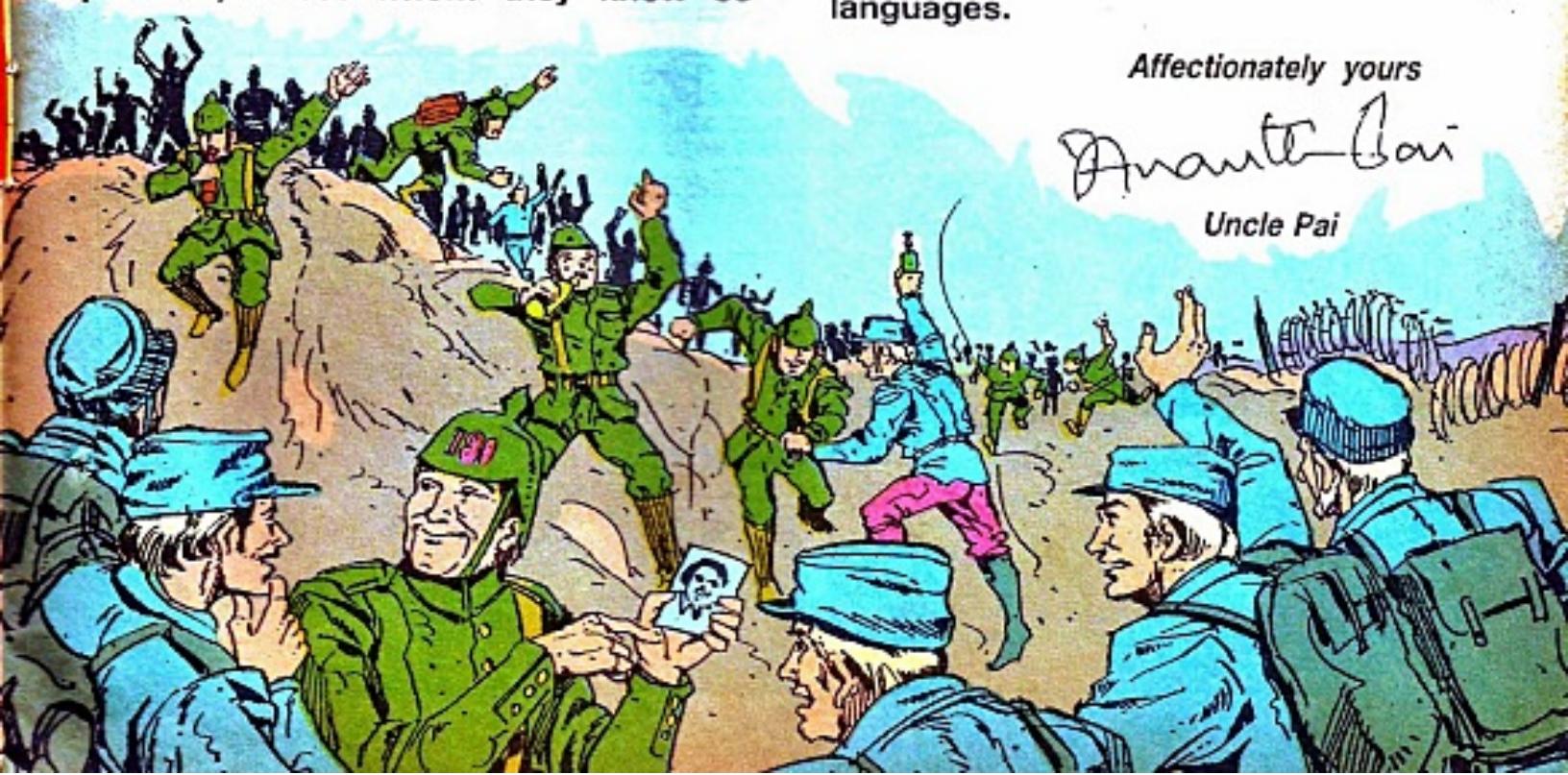
much. The artificial walls between the French and Germans had collapsed that day, for those soldiers.

In India today, often languages separate one group of people from another. In this issue you will find a few stories rendered into the comics format from originals in Bengali, Marathi, Hindi and Kannada. This issue is being released at the All-India Conference of Writers of Children's Literature, to be held in Pune, from November 8, 1989 to November 10, 1989. From the stories given in this issue, isn't it very clear that children are the same whether they are from Bengal or Karnataka, and they think and feel in the same way, whether they are from U.P. or Maharashtra. If the wall is there, it is just because we do not know the other's language. Let us today resolve to learn at least two more languages.

Affectionately yours

Amriti Pai

Uncle Pai

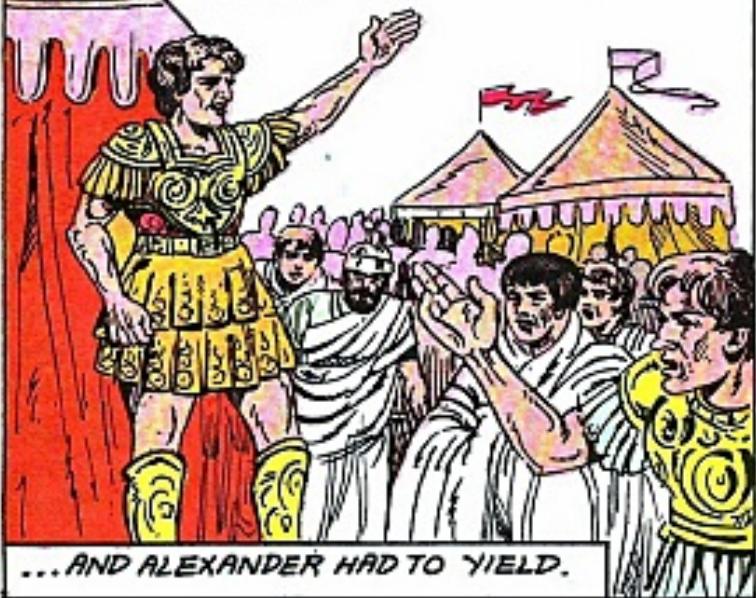


SILVER

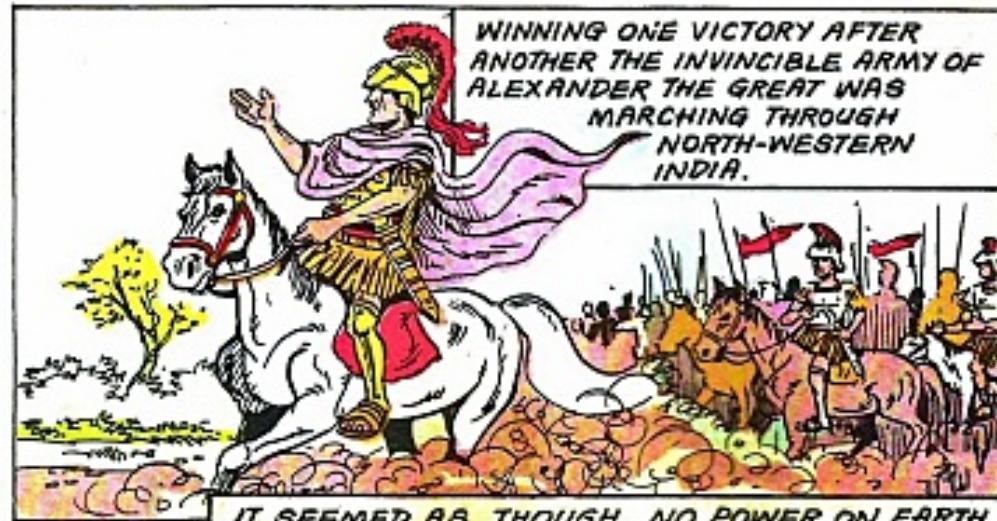
Script :
Prasad Iyer

Illustrations :
Anand Mande

WHEN SUDDENLY A MYSTERIOUS GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASE STRUCK THE ARMY. SOLDIERS FELL ILL IN THEIR HUNDREDS. EXHAUSTED AND HOME-SICK THE TROOPS DEMANDED TO RETURN HOME...

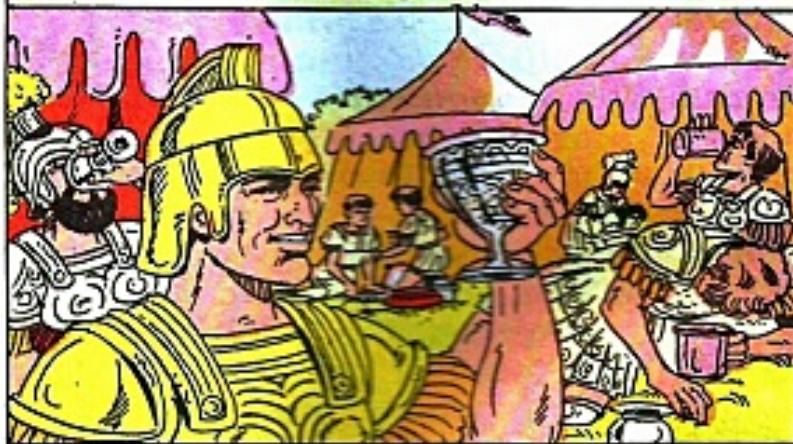


...AND ALEXANDER HAD TO YIELD.

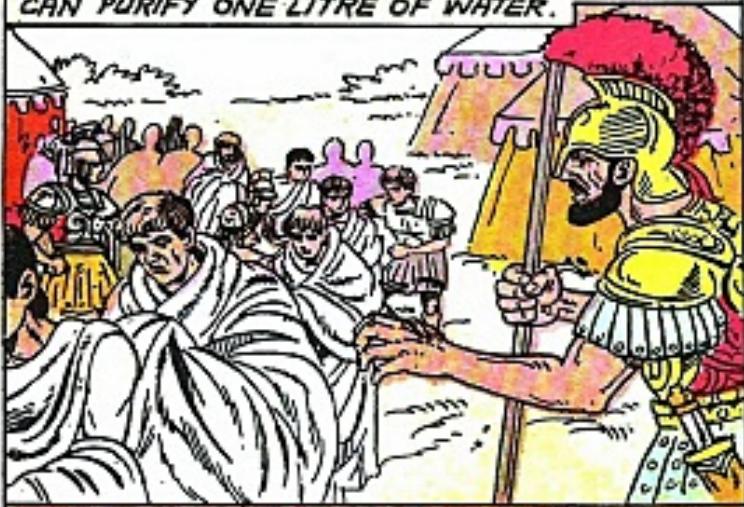


IT SEEMED AS THOUGH NO POWER ON EARTH COULD STOP IT.

BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THE OFFICERS FELL ILL LESS FREQUENTLY THAN THE COMMON SOLDIERS - A FACT THAT OFTEN PUZZLED ANCIENT HISTORIANS. AND IT WAS ONLY SOME 2000 YEARS LATER THAT SCIENTISTS COULD GIVE AN EXPLANATION. THE OFFICERS OF ALEXANDER'S ARMY DRANK WATER FROM SILVER CUPS UNLIKE THE MEN WHO DRANK FROM TIN CUPS.

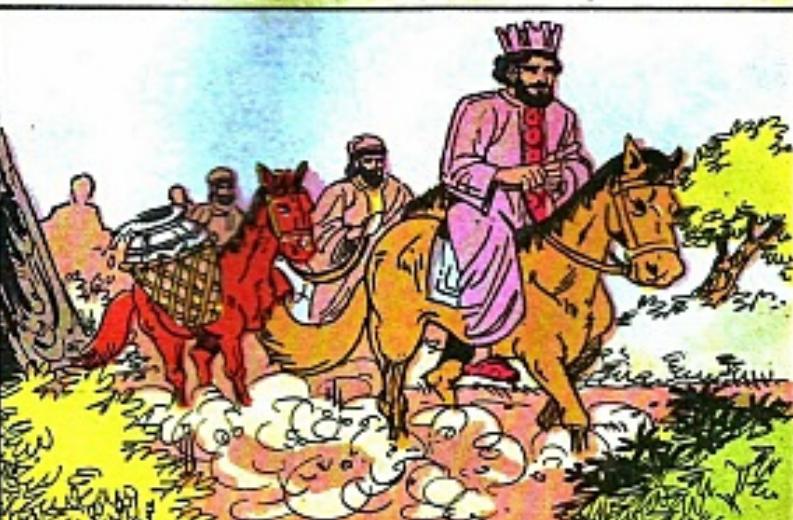


SILVER HAS GERMICIDAL PROPERTIES - INDEED A FEW THOUSAND-MILLIONTHS OF A GRAM CAN PURIFY ONE LITRE OF WATER.

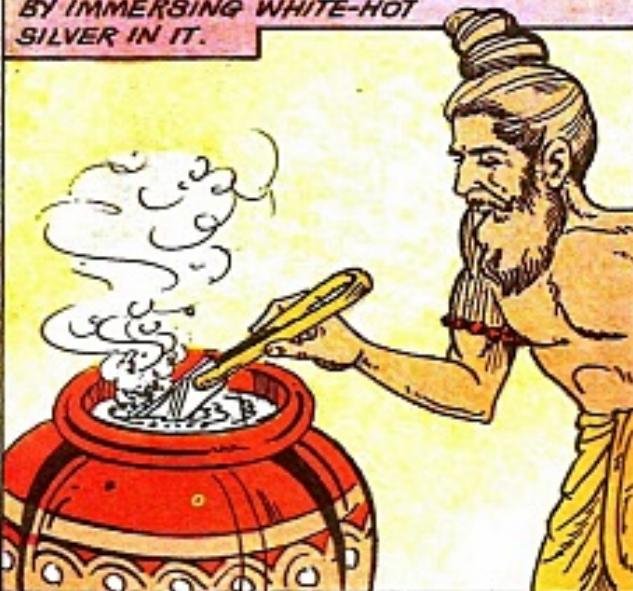


AND THAT IS WHY ALEXANDER'S OFFICERS REMAINED HALE AND HEARTY WHILE THE MEN BECAME SICK.

THIS PURIFYING ACTION OF SILVER WAS KNOWN TO PEOPLE OF OTHER LANDS. THE ANCIENT HISTORIAN HERODOTUS TELLS US HOW THE PERSIAN KING CYRUS, WHEN ON THE MARCH, KEPT HIS WATER IN SACRED SILVER VESSELS.



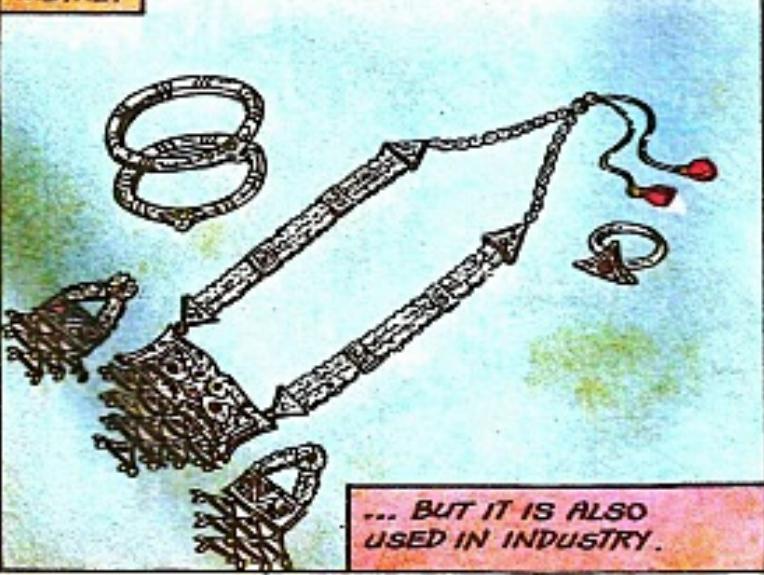
AND ANCIENT INDIAN RELIGIOUS TEXTS DESCRIBE HOW WATER WAS PURIFIED BY IMMERSING WHITE-HOT SILVER IN IT.



AND ALL OVER THE WORLD SILVERSITHS USED THE METAL TO TURN OUT COUNTLESS ORNAMENTS.



IN THE MODERN WORLD TOO SILVER MAINTAINS ITS ROLE AS A JEWELLER'S AND CRAFTSMAN'S METAL.



... BUT IT IS ALSO USED IN INDUSTRY.

BUT IT IS IN COINAGE THAT SILVER FOUND ITS NICHE IN ANCIENT TIMES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SILVER COINS WERE MADE IN INDIA, PERSIA, EGYPT AND THE COUNTRIES BETWEEN THE SINDHU AND THE NILE SINCE 600 B.C.



SILVER DENARI OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC C.140 B.C.



SILVER DRACHMA OF ATHENS, C. 450 B.C.



SILVER THALER OF SIGISMUND, ARCHDUC OF AUSTRIA, 1439-89.

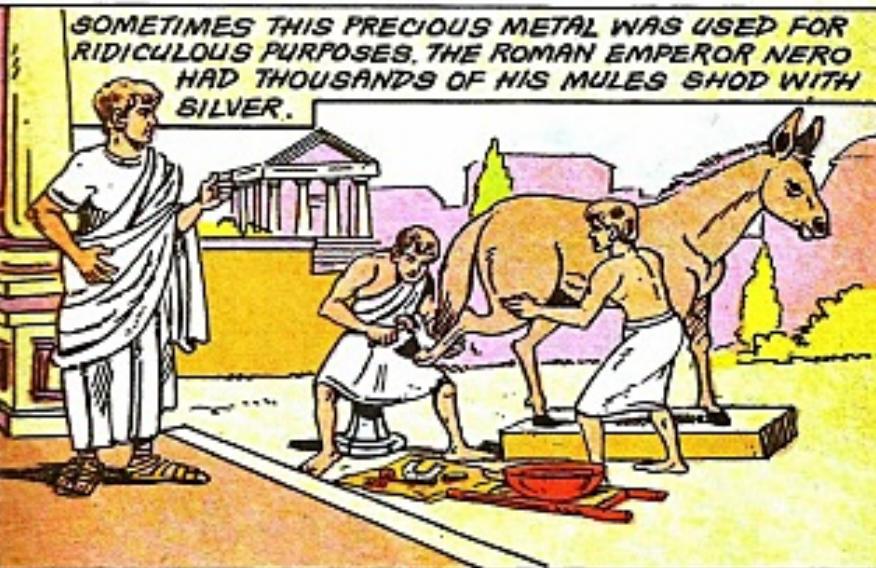


SILVER PENNY OF ALFRED THE GREAT, KING OF WESSEX, 871-899



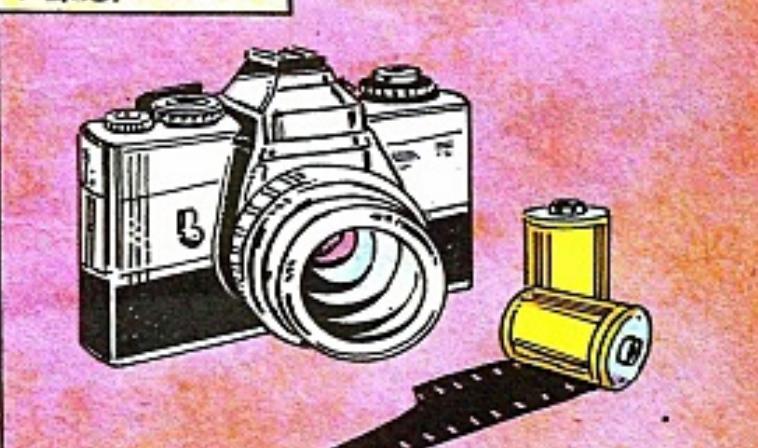
SILVER GROAT OF HENRY V, KING OF ENGLAND 1413-22.

THE ROMANS MINTED SILVER COINS IN 269 B.C. 50 YEARS BEFORE GOLD COINS.



SOMETIMES THIS PRECIOUS METAL WAS USED FOR RIDICULOUS PURPOSES. THE ROMAN EMPEROR NERO HAD THOUSANDS OF HIS MULES SHOD WITH SILVER.

SILVER BROMIDE AND SILVER CHLORIDE, COMPOUNDS OF SILVER, ARE USED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC FILMS.



WHEN LIGHT FALLS ON A PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM THE SILVER BROMIDE OR SILVER CHLORIDE DISINTEGRATES. SILVER IS PRECIPITATED AND THE IMAGE IS FORMED.

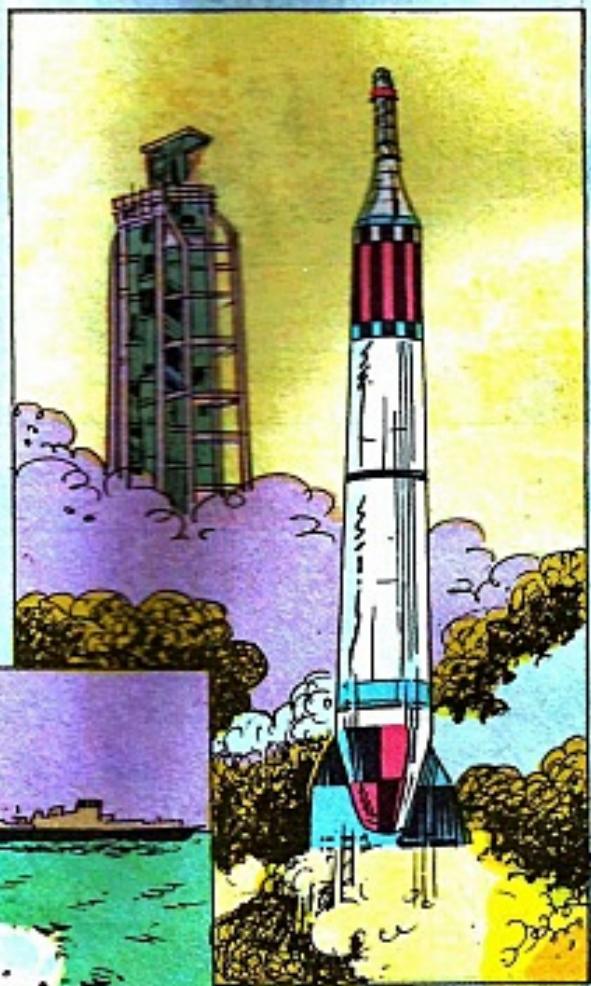
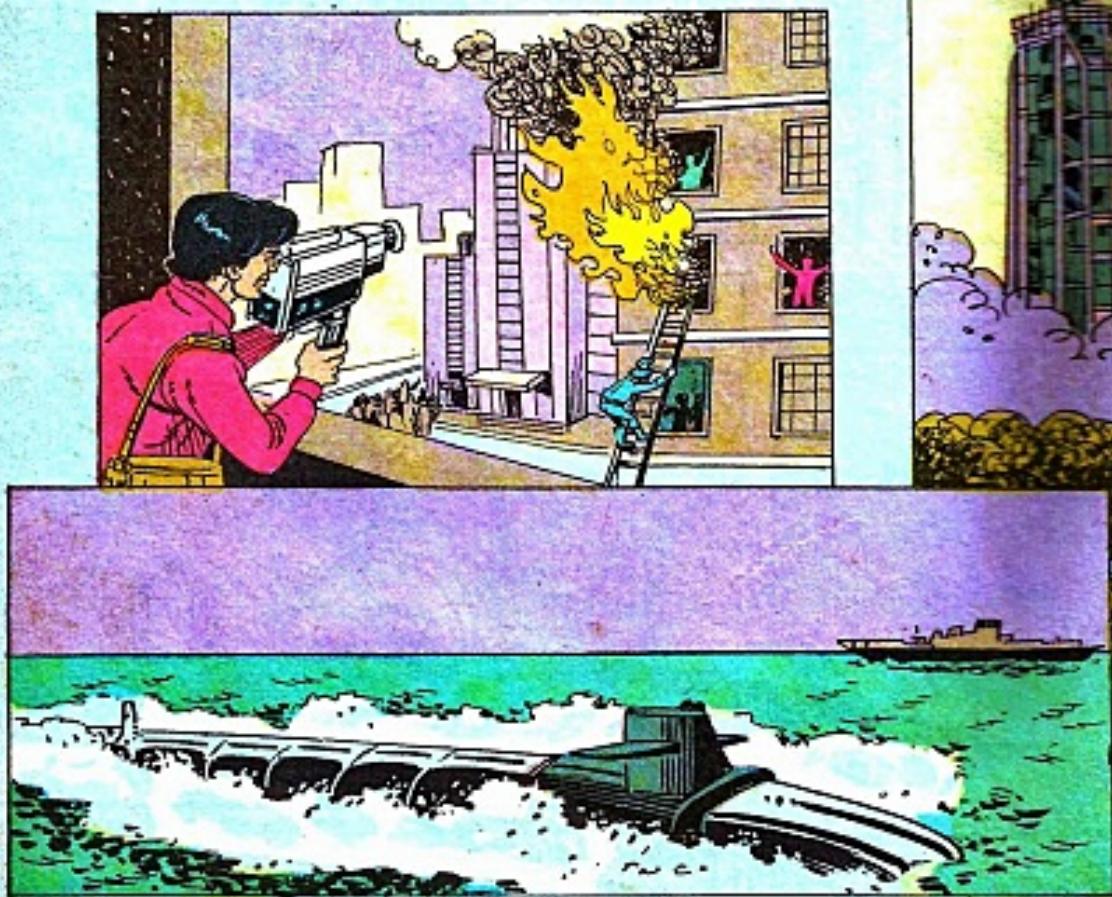
SILVER IS USED IN MIRRORS.
A SHEET OF POLISHED GLASS
SILVERED ON ONE SIDE HAS
UNMATCHED REFLECTING
POWERS.



SILVER-COPPER ALLOYS ARE
USED IN WELDING PROCESSES.



HIGH-VOLTAGE SILVER BATTERIES THAT ARE SMALLER
THAN ORDINARY BATTERIES AND LAST LONGER FIND
USE IN SPACESHIPS, SUBMARINES AND PORTABLE
TELEVISION CAMERAS.

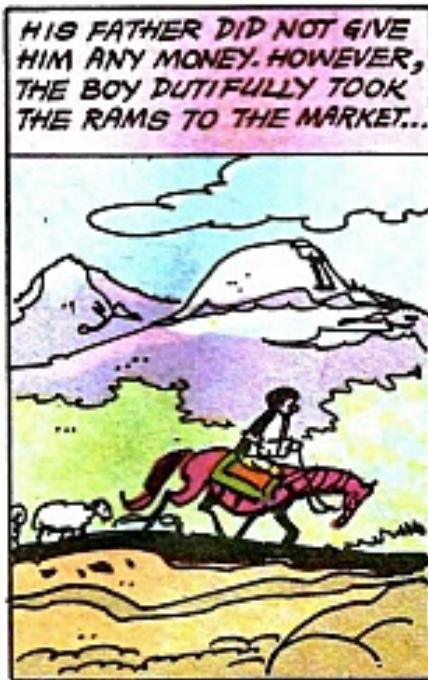
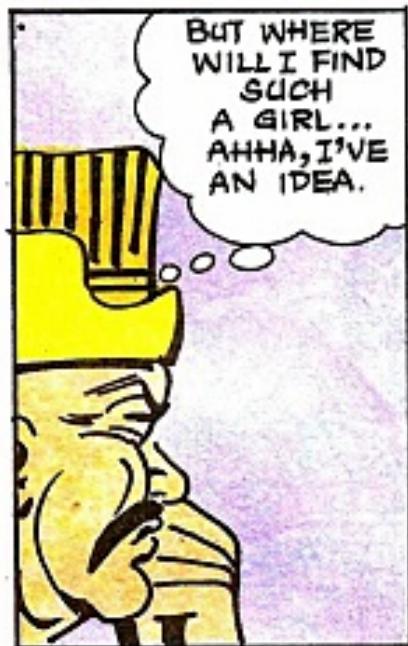
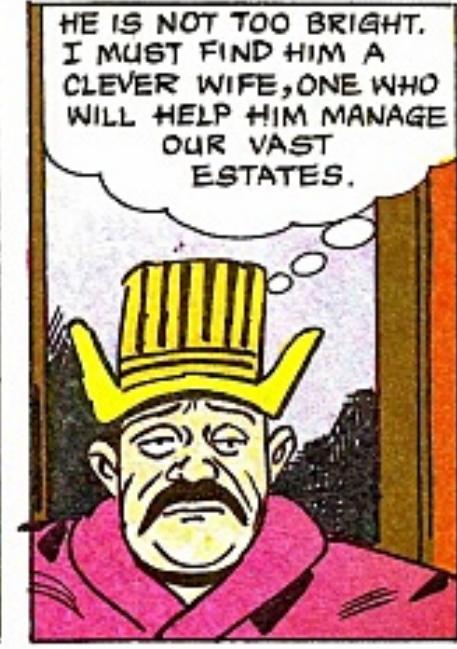


THE ROPE OF ASH

—A Tibetan Folktale

Script:
Luis M. Fernandes

Illustrations:
Ram Waeerkar



... WITHOUT MONEY, I HOPE FATHER IS NOT LOSING HIS SENSES IN HIS OLD AGE.

THE DAY WORE ON TOWARDS MIDDAY—

ARE THOSE RAMS FOR SALE?

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL.

NO, I'M AFRAID NOT.

THEN WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT THEM HERE?

THE BOY TOLD HER OF HIS FATHER'S INSTRUCTIONS. WHEN HE HAD FINISHED —

IS THAT ALL? LET'S GET A PAIR OF SHEARS.

THEY BORROWED A PAIR OF SHEARS AND SHEARED THE RAMS.

THEN — NOW SELL THIS WOOL AND BUY THE FLOUR WITH THE MONEY.

THE BOY RETURNED HOME IN TRIUMPH.

THE FLOUR, FATHER.

AND AS YOU CAN SEE I'VE BROUGHT THE RAMS BACK

WITHOUT THEIR WOOL.

BUT I FORGOT, WE ALSO NEED BARLEY.
TOMORROW TAKE THE SAME RAMS TO
THE MARKET AGAIN, AND BRING
BACK SIX BAGS OF
BARLEY.

AND
THE
RAMS?

AND
THE
RAMS.

THE NEXT
DAY—

I HOPE FATHER
IS NOT GOING
TO MAKE THIS A
DAILY
PRACTICE.

WHY,
HERE SHE
COMES.

THE SAME PROBLEM?
WHAT DO YOU HAVE
TO BUY
TODAY?

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
COME OVER
HIM.

ARRIVING AT THE MARKET, HE
SAT DOWN AT THE SAME SPOT
THAT HE HAD OCCUPIED THE
PREVIOUS DAY—

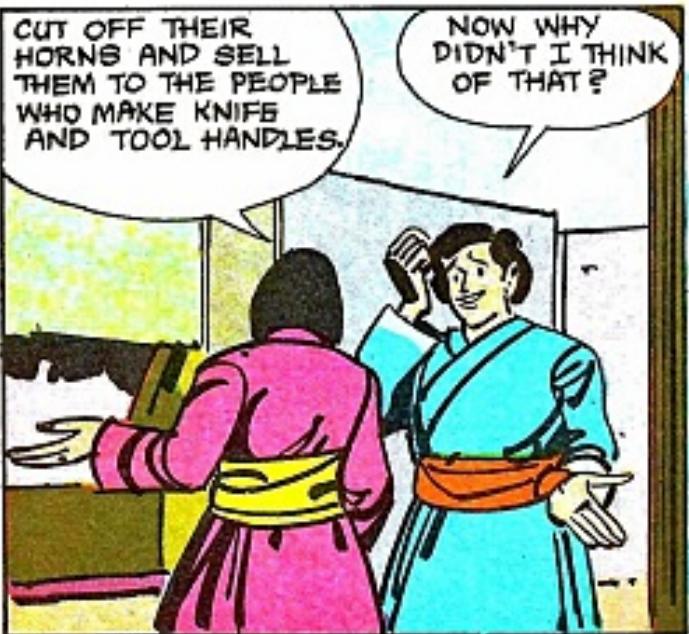
I HOPE THE GIRL
COMES, THOUGH
I DON'T KNOW
HOW SHE COULD
HELP THIS
TIME.

SIX BAGS
OF
BARLEY.

THEN WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
YESTERDAY I SOLD
THEIR WOOL. WHAT
CAN I SELL TODAY?

THEIR
HORNS.



WHEN TONGSTSEN'S SON TOLD THE GIRL WHAT HIS FATHER HAD SAID—

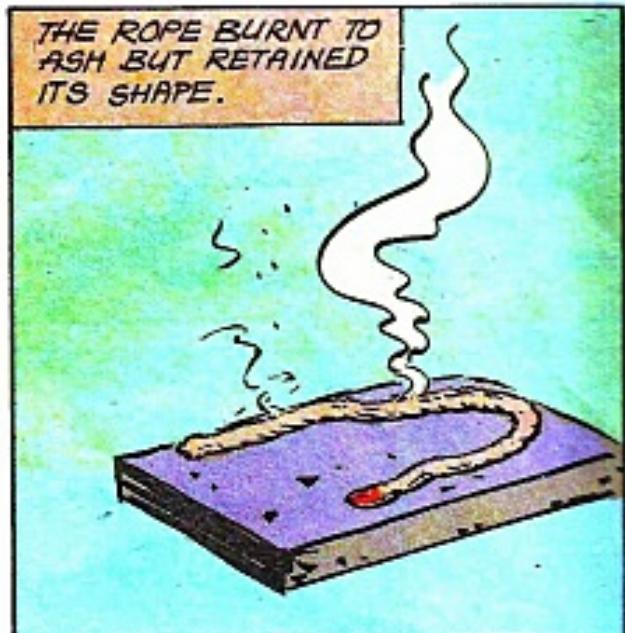
I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON.

I'LL COME TO YOUR HOUSE TOMORROW WITH THE ROPE.

THE NEXT DAY, THE GIRL PLACED A LENGTH OF ROPE ON A SLAB OF STONE AND SET FIRE TO IT.



THE ROPE BURNED TO ASH BUT RETAINED ITS SHAPE.



THE GIRL CAREFULLY CARRIED THE STONE SLAB WITH THE COIL ON IT TO TONGSTSEN'S HOUSE —



YOU'RE AS CLEVER AS YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL. I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING A LONG TIME FOR A BRIDE SUCH AS YOU FOR MY SON.

SO MY GUESS WAS RIGHT.



WELL, HE'S A FINE BOY.

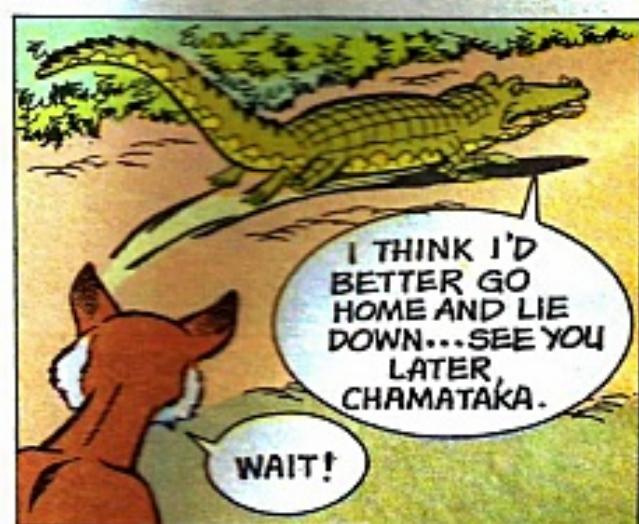


TONGSTSEN CELEBRATED HIS SON'S MARRIAGE WITH POMP AND SPLENDOUR. HE HAD GOT HIS SON MARRIED TO A CLEVER GIRL AND HE CONSIDERED IT ONE OF HIS FINEST ACHIEVEMENTS.

KALIA THE CROW

Script:- Luis M. Fernandes
Illustrations:- Prasad Iyer

HUNTERS?
DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
HUNTERS?!



PLUMP CHICKENS
PERCHED ON A
CART...

THERE'S BREAKFAST
LUNCH AND DINNER
FOR ME THERE.

BUT FIRST
I'LL HAVE TO
DRIVE THAT
CARTMAN AWAY.
AND I CAN'T DO
THAT WITHOUT
DOOB DOOB'S HELP.

DOOB DOOB!
DOOB DOOB!
WHERE ARE
YOU?

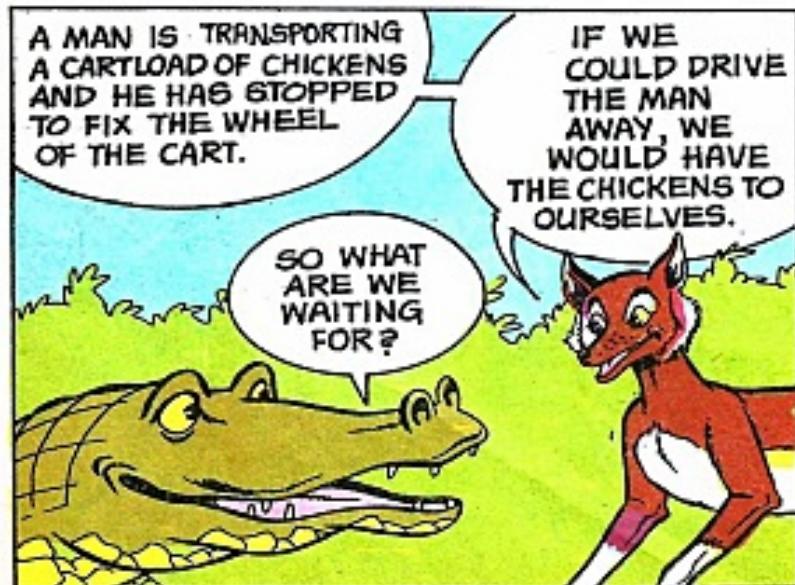
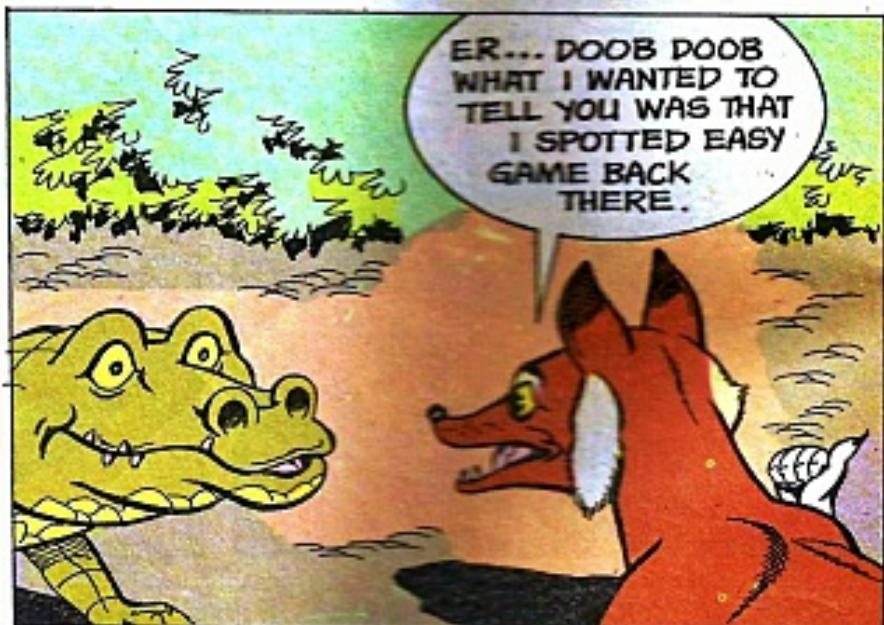
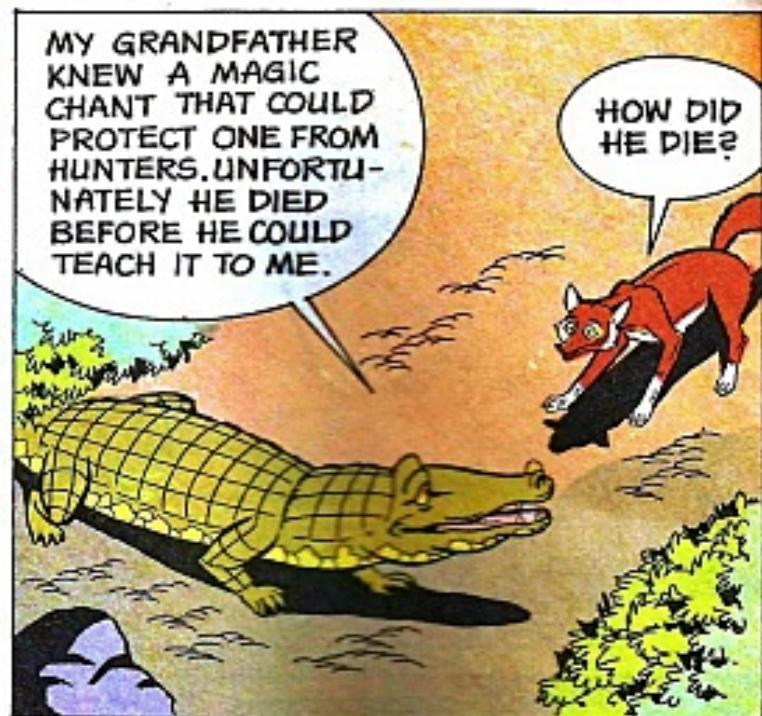
COME OUT!
THE HUNTERS
HAVE GONE!

THEY'VE
GONE?

YOU WON'T BELIEVE
IT BUT I HAD
FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT
THEM ... I FELL
ASLEEP...

BUT ARE YOU
SURE THEY'VE
GONE? I - I MEAN
I'M NOT AFRAID
OF THEM...
BUT...

DON'T WORRY
THEY'VE GONE.



THERE! LOOK AT
THOSE CHICKENS...
DON'T THEY MAKE
YOUR MOUTH
WATER?

THEY
DO.

LET'S GET
THEM... I'LL
DRIVE THE
MAN AWAY!

!!
A
CROCODILE!

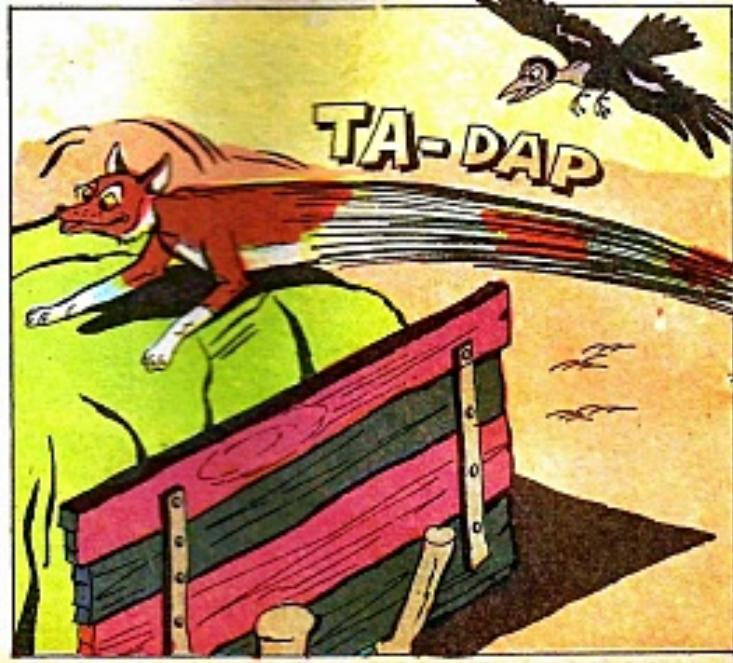
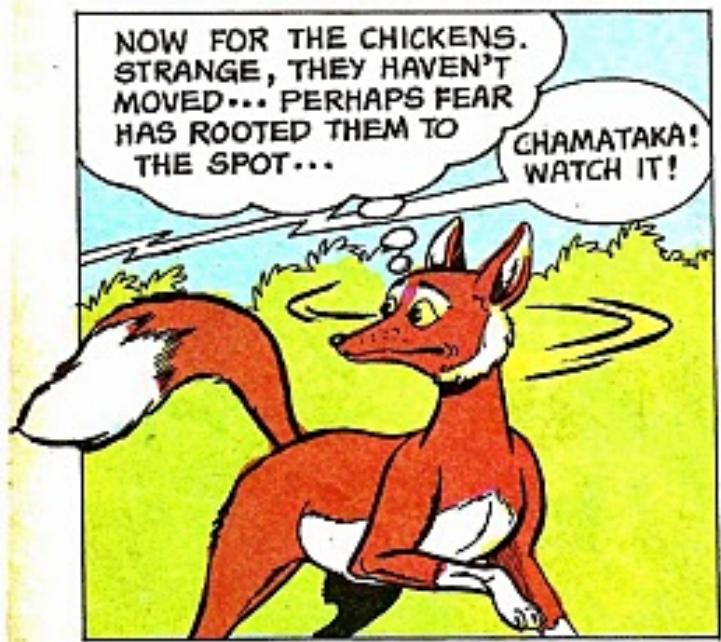
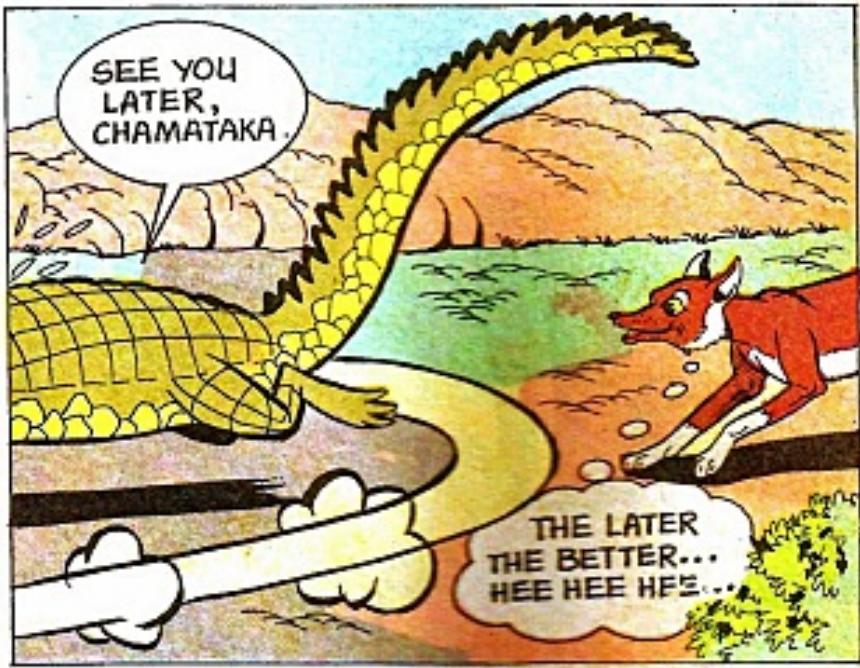
NOW TO GET RID OF
DOOB DOOB! I'M
CERTAINLY NOT GOING
TO SHARE THOSE
CHICKENS WITH HIM.

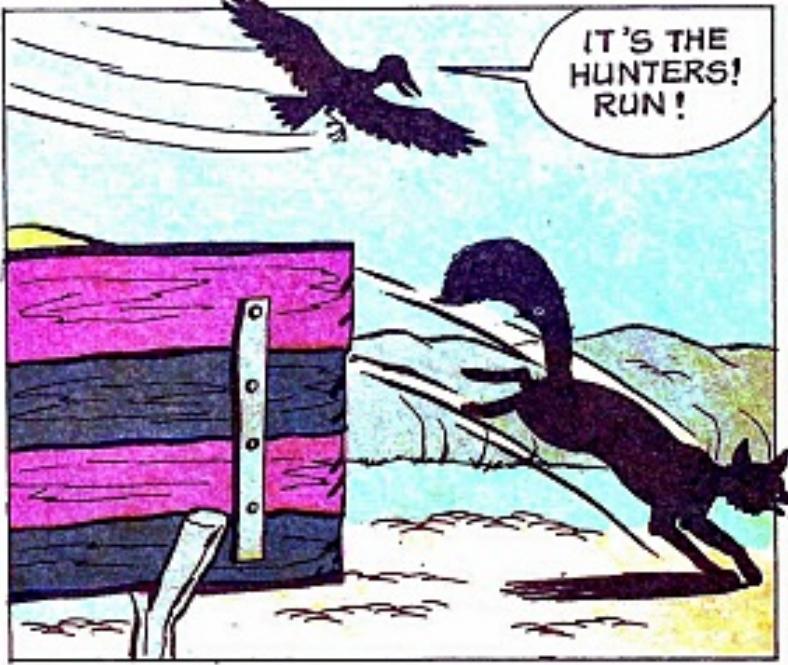
YEEEEE

THAT GETS
RID OF
HIM.

DOOB DOOB,
THEY'RE
BACK!

WHO?





Guilty!

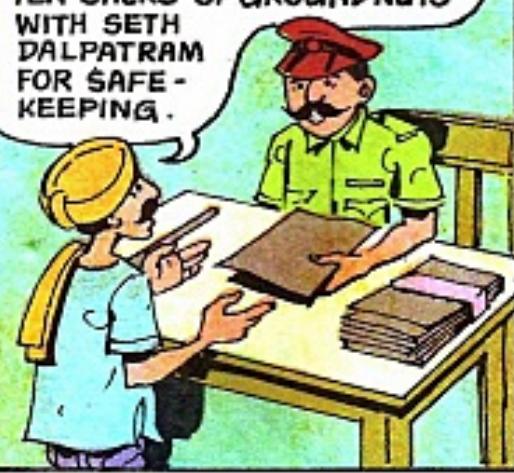
Readers' Choice

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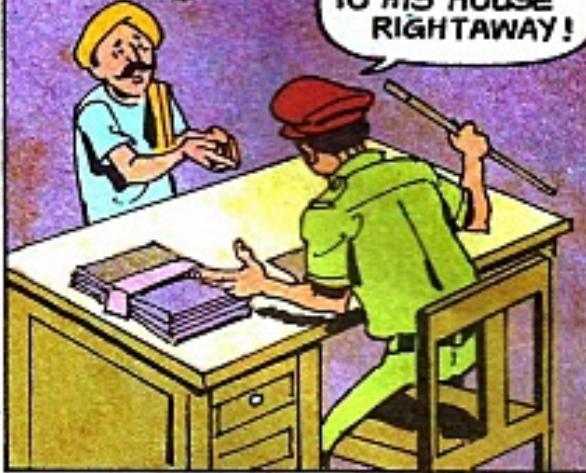
ONE DAY, KISHAN, A POOR FARMER CAME TO INSPECTOR VINOD WITH A COMPLAINT.

SAHIB, A MONTH AGO I LEFT TEN SACKS OF GROUNDNUTS WITH SETH DALPATRAM FOR SAFE-KEEPING.



AND TODAY WHEN I WENT TO TAKE THEM BACK, HE DENIED MY HAVING GIVEN HIM THE GROUNDNUTS.

LET US GO TO HIS HOUSE RIGHTAWAY!



SOON AT SETH DALPATRAM'S HOUSE —

WHAT GROUNDNUTS?
HE DID NOT LEAVE ANY GROUNDNUTS WITH ME!

HE IS A POOR MAN, SETHJI!
IT'S A GREAT LOSS TO HIM.

I TOLD YOU HE DID NOT LEAVE ANY GROUNDNUTS WITH ME!



AT LEAST GIVE HIM BACK THE SACKS.

HE CAN TAKE THEM ANYTIME!



...OOPS!

SO YOU DID RECEIVE GROUNDNUTS FROM HIM!

...UH...ER...
I WAS JUST JOKING...
COME AND TAKE YOUR GROUNDNUTS, KISHAN.



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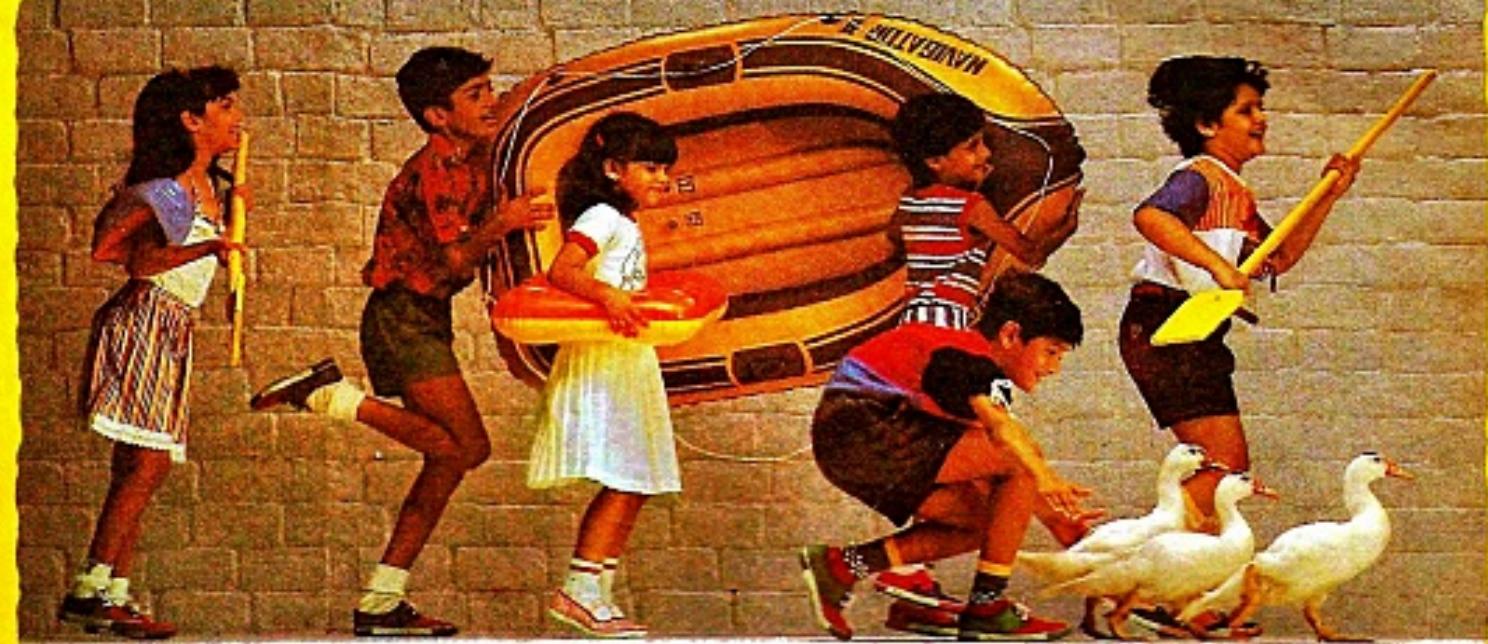
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